

**Gulf SEDAR Committee Report
June 22, 2022
Dale Diaz, Chair**

The Committee adopted the agenda (**Tab I, No. 1**). The Committee approved the minutes (**Tab I, No. 2**) of the October 2021 meeting as written.

Summary Report of May 9, 2022 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting

Council staff reviewed the proceedings of the SEDAR Steering Committee. Staff noted the consensus statement passed by the SEDAR Steering Committee with regard to expediently calibrate and approve the Red Snapper recreational historical landings time series for use in the SEDAR 74 Red Snapper Operational Assessment.

The Committee recommends, and I so **move**, that the Council draft a letter commensurate with the SEDAR Steering Committee’s consensus statement to the NOAA Office of Science and Technology stating the need and urgency of this request.

Motion carried without opposition.

Other Business

A Council member asked about the formulation of the Council’s SEDAR Committee, noting that there is not a current stock assessment for red drum. Other Council members expressed support for exploring modifications to the makeup of the Council’s SEDAR Committee.

A Council member recalled data from the stock assessment for hammerhead sharks, which showed a considerable increase in landings in the terminal year. The Council member thought this corroborated the observations of Gulf fishermen and their public testimony about increased numbers of sharks compared to years past. They thought it would be beneficial to find ways to keep fishermen informed of the proceedings of this shark assessment.

This concludes my report.